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To: Bruce White <bwhite@k-w.com>
Subject: Re: Ellsworth

Bruce:

This is in reply to your email citing concerns with recent USEPA activities in and around EIP.

As we have communicated with you before, the USEPA is in the process of collecting water level measurements from both monitoring wells and residential wells in the area to better understand groundwater behavior. The first round of this effort was conducted in late September. Please keep in mind that this effort does not include any collection and analysis of groundwater samples.

One of the intended purposes for the study is gather water level information before and after the hookup. In this case, the data collected during the first phase was under non-static conditions, meaning that residential wells were active, and therefore, groundwater conditions are non-static.

One of the things that we're going to have to understand as we go forward in the RI/FS process, is how groundwater conditions will behave when residential wells in the area cease to pump, and conditions return to static, and in this case we believe it was prudent to gather data after the cessation of pumping by the residents.

We therefore approached Kevin Buoy with the County with the suggestion to leave certain wells open until we gather the second set of data. Here we have to be clear that USEPA did **not** require the County to refrain from sealing the desired well locations, but merely suggest it if it did not conflict with their hookup logistics.

As to the issue of vandalism, we don't particularly see any problems with having a small number of wells open for a short time period, since the wells will maintain the same level of built-in security inherent in their construction.

Please don't hesitate to call me with any questions.

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Please respond to
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To: Thomas Krueger, Mazin Enwiya cc: brett.heinrich
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Tom and Mazin:

Brett may already have mentioned to Tom that when we met with the Village and County yesterday, we learned for the first time that USEPA has required the

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County to refrain from sealing approximately 30 residential wells to allow for further sampling.

As you may expect, the Group is very concerned both about the decision not to seal some of the wells and the decision not to inform the Group of this action.

As to the former issue, we would appreciate your advising us of the reasons for leaving these wells open, particularly in view of the County sealing mandate. If there are sampling plans for these wells, we would like to know about them as soon as possible -- including the intended purpose of such sampling.

As to the latter issue, in general we are very concerned about being the last to know -- after the fact -- about changes in plans. More specifically, as to this particular action, we are concerned about potential liability arising from the failure to seal these wells, and we are also concerned about the possibility of vandalism or tampering by those who learn that these wells are not being sealed.

Please let us know if you think it would be worthwhile to convene a telephone conference to discuss these and other issues.

Bruce White